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25X1 June 1948 to November 1948.

- 25X1 1. The BALAKLAVA Bay reaches approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 miles into the mainland. Its entrance is approximately 230 feet wide. The widest part of the bay is approximately a mile. There were several recesses into the mountain on the northern shore into which small submarines entering the harbor disappeared. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] No buildings could be observed. A well-camouflaged shipyard area was at the eastern end of the bay. The town extends along the southern shore of the bay. A medium-size ship was moored at the western edge of the town, which [redacted] believe to be a submarine tender (8,000 tons). It was also camouflaged.
- 25X1 [redacted] 10 to 12 submarines in the bay almost every day.*

May 1945 to the end of August 1947

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- 25X1 2. A submarine yard is located in the BALAKLAVA Bay. It extends a mile along the shore, and is approximately a thousand feet wide. Approximately a thousand Soviet workmen are employed there. The PWs were assigned only to outside work in the harbor and shipyard area. [redacted] submarines are built, following German designs. They are approximately 230 feet long, and have four front torpedo tubes and one 76.2mm gun. **

August 1948 to November 1948

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3. a. [redacted] narrow entrance passages caused by the island almost completely barring the gateway. The estimates

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of distances correspond [redacted]. The height of the hills at the northwestern shore of the bay is estimated at 500 to 600 feet. The submarine pens were blasted into these hills. The submarine pens was the greatest number counted [redacted] in one day. [redacted]

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b. A shipyard is in the northeastern corner of the bay. Work force: Navy personnel and 12 PWs employed as locksmiths and hammer-smiths. Submarines were overhauled, and small ships (coastal cutters) repaired. [redacted] the tonnage of the largest ships at 500 to 600 tons. Larger ships could not have passed the narrow entrance. Source states that he also saw speedboats in the bay (high bow and low stern).

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* [redacted] Comment: PALAKLAVA seems to be a base for small vessels, according to the length of submarines (80 to 100 feet) [redacted]. This is also confirmed by the fact that the narrow passage is almost completely barred by an island in front of the entrance.

** The information on the location of the yard and the extension of the area coincide with those made by [redacted]. The data regarding the labor force cannot be checked. The length of the submarines is overestimated. By way of comparison, German VII-C-boats of 520 tons were almost 230 feet long.

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